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Honorable Al McCandless
Member, House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman McCandless:

This is in reply to your letter of February 26, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Bradley K. Hansen, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing

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February 26, 1993

Mr. Alfred C. Sikes, Chairman
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1919 M Street
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Dear Mr. Sikes:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Bradley K. Hansen, for your review and response, regarding his concern, that the FCC is considering PR Docket 92-235, which would reduce the frequencies assigned for model airplane use.

Please direct your response to my PALM DESERT OFFICE, Post Office Box 14442, Palm Desert, California 92255.

Sincerely,



AL McCANDLESS
Member of Congress

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Mr. Bradley K. Hansen
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Dear Mr. Hansen,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding your position on the proposed by the FCC.

However, since the FCC is a federal agency, I have, on your behalf, forwarded your letter Representative Al McCandless, your Congressman.

If I can be of any help at the state level, please feel free to contact my Palm Desert office.

Best Regards,


DAVE KELLEY

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The Honorable David Kelley
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Dear Senator Kelley:

For the past 20 years I have derived many thousands of hours of enjoyment, satisfaction and stress reduction from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. The hobby has kept me involved with a wide variety of people from the time I was a child, and has allowed me the opportunity to learn a great many things, in addition to the principles of aviation and aerodynamics through this association. The sport has helped to teach me responsibility, financial risk, investment, dedication and patience as I was growing up.

Over the past 10 years the FCC has on a least 2 occasions changed our frequencies that has forced radio control modelers to retire radios that no longer meet the new requirements. Each time that has happened it has cost me several hundred dollars to replace each and every radio system I own. I currently own 3 radios that are operational by today's standards.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

Senator Kelley
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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our